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Contributions from the ryots of Markapur taluk.

* 806 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the reply to my question No. 398, regarding contributions from the ryots in Markapur taluk answered on 27th August 1927, that the Government had called for a report, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—The suggestion will be considered after the report has been received and dealt with by Government.

Mines

Minerological survey in the Presidency.

* 807 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the exact extent of the mineral resources of this Presidency is ;
(b) whether any minerological survey has ever been carried out ; if so ; whether the Government will be pleased to place the report on the table of this House ; and

(c) if the answer is in the negative, whether the Government will take early steps to have such a survey conducted in view of the importance of the subject?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the note on the mineral resources of Madras published on pages 73—77 of the copy of Mining Rules, 1919, which is available for sale.

(b) & (c) The Geological Survey officers of the Government of India have from time to time conducted geological survey investigations of the districts in this Presidency with the object of ascertaining their mineral possibilities and the results of their investigations have been published in the memoirs and records of the geological survey, which are Government of India publications available for sale. The hon. Member is informed that the results of recent investigations undertaken at the instance of the local Government are embodied in the following orders which have been placed on the Editors' Table :—

- (i) G.O. No. 2268, Revenue (Special), dated 8th December 1919, regarding iron ores of Kanjamalai, Salem,
- (ii) G.O. No. 1212, Revenue (Special), dated 20th June 1919, regarding mica mines in the Nellore district in 1919 by Mr. Tipper,
- (iii) G.O. No. 812, Development, dated 23rd April 1924, regarding mica mines in Nellore in 1923 by Mr. Hobson, and
- (iv) G.O. No. 1409, Development, dated 27th September 1923, regarding mica occurrences in the South Kanara district.

A mining manual is being compiled, one part of which will deal with the mineral resources of the Presidency.

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Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—"In this connexion I wish to put a question to the hon. the Development Minister."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member is advised to put a separate question."

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—"About the possibilities to be investigated by the hon. the Development Minister."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The present question is addressed to the hon. the Revenue Member. The hon. Member must put a fresh question to the hon. the Development Minister."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am sorry I was not here in time owing to some unforeseen circumstances. In such cases my hon. Colleagues may be permitted to answer the questions. It is a well-known practice of the House of Commons."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"As to that well-known practice, I am quite certain that any Member of the Treasury Benches who wants to answer on behalf of another Member prefaces the answer by saying 'I have been asked to answer'. There is no single instance when those words are not prefaced."

* Q. 761—Please see page 319 supra—Further Supplementary questions.

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to the answer to clause (e) of the question, may I ask what, according to the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government, are the qualifications necessary for holding the post of the Commissioner of the City of Madras if it is not lengthy experience of district administration?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"District administration is not the only administrative experience that officers of the Government get."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I ask what other administrative experience has the Commissioner of the Corporation got?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"He has been a Settlement Officer. It requires much administrative talent."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know whether to fight in the Council is one of the qualifications, in the opinion of the Government, for making him Commissioner?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I did not say anything about his fighting in the Council. Evidently, my hon. Friend knows more about it than I do."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Insulting the President is another qualification?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am not aware of his having insulted the President."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"I should like to know from the hon. the Minister what was the necessity for the Commissioner of the Corporation to cut off the house service connexions and make the rate-payers go to the street taps."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Because water in the Red Hills Tank had come down to a much lower level than it has done in any previous year."